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Krista McAlpine, Nabanita Mondal, Kerrah Foll and Donelda Smith in the kitchen at the warming centre. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Warming centre a lifeline for Minden Hills residents

ICE STORM 2025

By Lisa Gervais

Andy Forrest washed his hair – not once, but twice – April 7 as he luxuriated in his first shower in 10 days at the Minden Hills warming centre.

The East Moore Lake resident was on day 10 of no electricity and although he has a generator, it is not hooked up to his hot water heater.

He did have a couple of bird baths at the sink, but was not keen on a cold shower, saying, "I'm allergic to them, I break out in goosebumps."

Emerging from the front doors of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, which has housed a 24-hour warming centre since the afternoon of March 31 – and is still going 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. as of press time - Forrest said he'd been advised by Hydro One his power would be on by 9 p.m. April 8. However, he had heard that before with messages to his spotty cell phone service. He said he had yet to see a Hydro One truck on his road. He admitted we was "getting tired of it."

They have a woodstove, and a generator, but it only runs in six hours-on, six hours-off shifts. Propane is running low and they'd already shelled out $1,100.

But, at least, he felt clean for the first time since the ice storm on Monday – hoping he would not have to come back for a warming centre shower.

Angelique Short usually comes to the rec centre to use the walking track, but was this week using Wi-Fi. She has been

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Miners' Bay Lodge 'hit hard' by storm

By Mike Baker

A guest at the time, Miner's Bay Lodge general manager Darren Powers remembers what it was like when a tornado ripped through the resort in 2013 – pure devastation, he told *The Highlander* this week.

Powers didn't think he'd see anything like it again, but the destruction caused by the recent ice storm gave him an eerie feeling of déjà vu.

"We were hit hard… at last count, there are about 150 trees down, four of our main buildings have holes in the roof, we've got trailers that have significant damage, trees ripping right through them, some cottages almost flattened," Powers said. "We're probably looking at close to $100,000 in damages."

He was on-site March 29 when the bad weather hit. Initially, the freezing rain created a beautiful picturesque scene as Powers peered out the window of the main lodge.

Then, all hell started to break loose.

"I saw everything, heard everything. Trees were snapping by the minute. The smaller ones came down pretty much right away, and I could see the bigger ones swaying with the wind as the ice built up. Then there were the loud cracks as branches buckled under the weight," Powers said.

Twelve days later and the resort still doesn't have power – the GM said it'll likely be another two weeks until it's restored. Poles were ripped right out of the ground, necessitating a full rebuild of Miners' Bay's electrical circuit.

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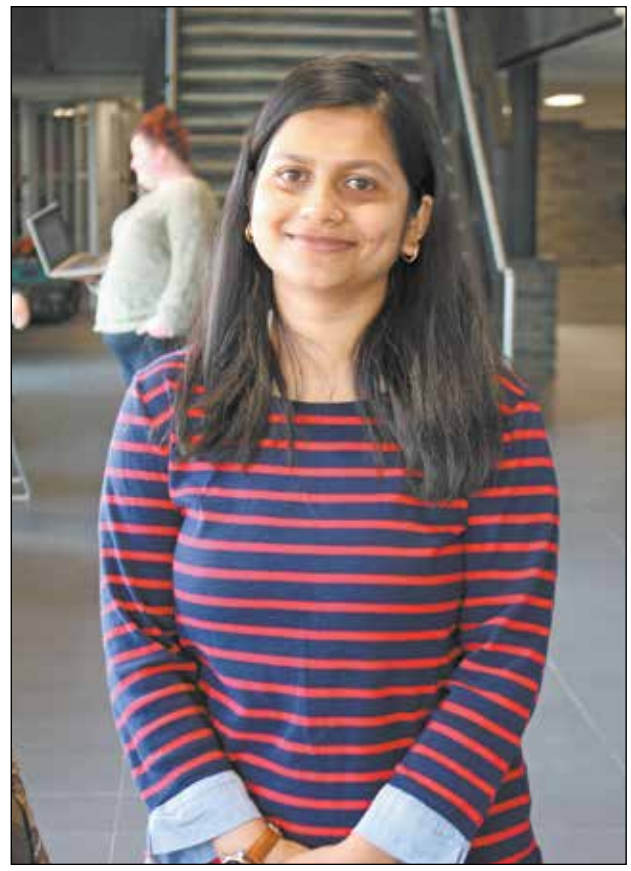

Left: Nabanita Mondal, a Minden Hills planning technician, is one of many municipal employees who have been staffing the warming centre. Right:Hydro employee Lisa Bjorkquist hard at work. *Photos by Lisa Gervais*

Centre still open 14 hours a day

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without power, internet and phone service for a spell and it was cold. She was having a coffee and eating a snack. Philosophically, she thought the experience was about "learning to know what it is like to have less. Sleeping in a place like this makes you appreciate you have a little more, and if you can get through this, you can get through anything."

Staff bonding

Nabanita Mondal, a Minden Hills planning technician, is one of many municipal employees who have been staffing the centre. She's been there every day with the exception of Sunday. She has done it all: greeted people and signed them in; given them shower tokens; aided in the kitchen; provided food and beverages; helped people get clean drinking water; and pointed out places to connect devices.

A new employee, Mondal said it was a unique way to get to know other township, as well as County of Haliburton, staff. "We all came together. It gives a sense of community service as well." She said she would look back and say, "remember that time we were making soup and chopping garlic?"

In the kitchen, Mondal joins Krista McAlpine, Donelda Smith, and Kerrah Folls.

"A lot of cooking," McAlpine, "the head chef," said of the experience, including vats of soup and chili, sandwiches, waffles, French toast and eggs.

McAlpine said she now had new friends in a township that has scattered departments. "We don't cross paths, so when you all get thrown into this, you get to know each other's personalities."

Amanda Dougherty, the township's planner by day, added, "obviously nobody wants to be in a situation where the community needs a warming centre, but it's been pretty rewarding to be able to be here. We're seeing a lot of community members. We're getting good feedback. It's nice to be able to help them in a different way."

In the hall, Lisa Bjorkquist of Hydro One was busy at a table. She was asked for an interview, but declined, saying she was too busy, and *The Highlander* believed her.

Director of community services, Candace McGuigan said that as of April 6, 444 people had utilized the warming centre since opening.

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Above: Township of Minden Hills director of community services, Candace McGuigan, tours MPP Laurie Scott through the warming centre April 3. Left: Haliburton County CAO Gary Dyke, McGuigan, Scott, EMS chief Micheal Slatter, Minden Hills CAO Cynthia Fletcher and mayor Bob Carter amid a sea of cots at the warming centre April 3. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Minden Hills looks to province for financial aid

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter is hopeful the provincial government will give financial aid to the township in the wake of its declaration of a state of emergency March 31 due to the ice storm.

With internet and phones down, municipal officials had to drive to Dwight to officially fax their declaration to the Ontario government.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott toured the warming centre at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena April 3. Meanwhile, minister of emergency preparedness and response, Jill Dunlop, and Scott visited the warming centre April 6.

It is equipped with cots from the Red Cross, a mobile triage van courtesy of the County of Renfrew, and the centre is manned by municipal staff, with hot food, beverages, and showers, along with places to charge devices.

Carter was on hand for the tours, along with County of Haliburton CAO Gary Dyke, EMS chief Michael Slatter, OPP interim detachment commander Mike Cavanagh, and municipal staff and politicians.

Carter told *The Highlander* declaring a state of emergency was step one of a long process.

"You have to declare an emergency before you can be eligible for money, and there's still lots of rules beyond that, and only certain things are eligible," Carter said.

"They have to be consumables. If you buy a new antenna, you can't charge that."

He noted the declaration has brought back up to the township, including, most recently, NB Power from New Brunswick, and crews from Saskatchewan and northern Ontario. The County of Renfrew remains at the warming centre for EMS support. And the Red Cross still has 50 cots set up.

"You can only get that when you are in that emergency situation."

The mayor said it also allows involvement in a system whereby the people in the community can work through insurance claims. "It's a whole special process so people can file insurance claims online. So, making the declaration is really important."

Carter said the loss of communication prompted the initial decision to declare a state of emergency.

On the day, Carter said he got a phone message from Premier Doug Ford acknowledging the township was in trouble and telling him to call if there was anything he could do.

Carter phoned the next day, but Ford was unavailable, prompting him to leave a text message. Because his phone was impacted, he couldn't text. He was able to call the premier's office. He said a staffer called Ford out of a meeting. Ford called him back immediately.

"I wasn't quite expecting that," the mayor said. "I told him the problem and he said he'd call the president of Bell right away." Carter said Ford went back into his meeting but directed people, including Scott, and "Bell started dealing with us."

He said Bell called Dyke at the County to assure him they were working 16 hours a day on Minden Hills' connection problems.

What it means?

Emergency declarations can be made when the head of council, in consultation with the community's senior staff (known as the community control group), determines that such action would be in the best interest of the municipality based on a perceived or apparent threat.

A state of emergency declaration would be considered if there was a situation or impending situation that: threatened public safety, public health, the environment, critical infrastructure, property, and/or economic stability, and exceeded the capacity of the community's emergency response.

By declaring a state of emergency, the municipality is able to streamline its purchase and tender policies; extend Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage to volunteers, and make claims for financial assistance for disaster recovery.

Declaring a state of emergency does not guarantee the municipality will receive financial assistance from the provincial or federal government for disaster relief. Municipalities must apply for financial assistance to the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program.

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The recent ice storm brought down trees and hydro poles at Miners' Bay Resort, causing an estimated $100,000 in damages. *Submitted*

Resort plans regular season opening

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Powers was there all last weekend coordinating clean-up. He'll be back again April 11th, leading crews of paid workers and volunteers. He said the outpouring of support has been incredible, with about 20 people – some long-time guests, others nearby cottagers who think of themselves as part of the Miners' Bay community – stepping up to help.

"It's almost like going back to the 1970s, you know, when disaster strikes the whole community rallies to get you back on your feet," Powers said. "Miners' Bay is an important spot for many. It's been a landmark here since 1938."

There has been some flooding – to the beach area, and in the basement of the resort's store, but Powers said that happens every year. He estimates about 10 per cent of the clean-up has been completed. A crane is coming in this weekend so crews can get a bird's eye view of the property. He said most of the cottages and cabins will need windows and roofs replacing, and to be repainted.

While bad, the damages aren't expected to impact the resort's upcoming season. Powers said the trailer park is scheduled to open for the May long weekend, with the main property welcoming guests in June.

"Those dates will not be affected at all; the place will look tip-top by then. It'll be like this never happened," Powers said.

Hydro One update

Hydro One spokesperson Tiziana Baccega Rosa said as of April 9th, approximately 17,000 Ontario customers remained without power, including 1,661 in the County.

There are 94 active outages in Haliburton County, Rosa confirmed. So far, crews have fixed 358 outages in the area, restoring power to approximately 54,011 residences. She said about three per cent of Hydro One's Highlands power grid remains offline.

Most of those are seasonal properties she notes, approximately 1,200 – meaning there are still about 400 full-time residences down. There's no working timetable for restoration.

Rosa said crews made significant progress on repairs last weekend.

"More than 50 new poles were installed in Minden… [on Monday] crews focused on the most difficult to access properties. Heavy rains and localized flooding have washed out roads, creating further access issues for crews, but we're working as safely and quickly to restore power," Rosa said.

Hydro One announced a new ice storm recovery grant April 7, enabling municipalities to receive up to $10,000 to pay for things like food, supplies, clean-up and shelter for displaced residents.

"The damage is the worst we've seen in decades, and some of the hardest hit communities will never look the same," said Meghan Collie, Hydro One media relations advisor. "The grant will help impacted communities access essential needs as they begin to rebuild."

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APRIL 10, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

The Township of Minden Hills Regular Council meeting (including Public and Closed Session Meetings) scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. has been cancelled. We are cancelling the meeting due to the state of emergency that the Township of Minden Hills declared on March 31, 2025. This is in response to the ice storm causing widespread power outages and communication network interruptions.

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Fourteen hydro workers from Energie NB in New Brunswick were in Haliburton County this week helping to get properties impacted by last week's ice storm back online. *Submitted*

NB answers call for help

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

"If we can, we answer the call," said the district superintendent of Energie NB, which sent crews from New Brunswick to Haliburton County this week.

"We have a list of out-of-province storms that is posted, and whoever wants to go, jumps in the truck," he added.

Some of the hardest hit by last week's ice storm are seeing hydro trucks from all over come to help with the restoration of power, and clean-up. People from Irondale have been watching, and cheering, workers from the Woodstock area in New Brunswick who have answered the call for help.

"Some of us have been up here for about five days, others about three," said one worker. "We are mostly clearing trees right now, there are a lot of downed trees." He said there are private contractors and tree trimmers out along with them to get things done.

When asked why so many would come from out of the province to help, the district superintendent said it was very rewarding. "It is the best part of the job," he said. "Getting to work with, and meet, new people, and help those who need it." He added there is a lot of tree damage and broken poles, "which looks very familiar." He was involved in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona in Prince Edward Island in 2022 and was there for 23 days.

There are so many Hydro poles that need replacing, and some of the areas that the New Brunswick team are working in are so remote, that they will have to be flown in by helicopter. This is expected to take place within the next day or so.

The New Brunswick crews have been working 16 hours a day to restore power in Irondale and surrounding areas, and some locals, like George Simmons, have been showing their support by waving, flying the Canadian flag, and thanking them.

"We just want to show them how appreciative we are for all their hard work," Simmons said.

However, some have been wondering why the municipality hasn't done more, like opening the Irondale Community Centre so they have washrooms, and a place to warm up and eat lunch. Resident Jeff Hancock called out the local advisory committee in Minden Hills for "failing to use municipal resources like the community centre to help anyone, including the NB hydro workers."

S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden was open around the clock from March 31 to April 8, serving as a warming centre and place where people could shower and charge their devices. There were cots for those who wanted to spend the night.

The facility remains open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. to assist those impacted by the storm."

The sentiment of "they help us, we help them" was echoed by the superintendent, as well as members of the crew, who said they were happy to be here and would be sticking around as long as it takes to restore power to those impacted.

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An attendant on the weigh scale at the Maple Lake landfill. *File*

Lots of life yet at AH landfills

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands environmental manager Melissa Murray estimates the township can continue burying waste at its active landfill sites for another 53 years, or until 2078.

In a recent report to council, Murray said municipal dumps at Maple Lake, Pine Springs, and Oxtongue Lake were at a combined 40 per cent capacity by the end of 2024. The township's fourth waste location, in Dorset, is a transfer station only. Its landfill was capped in 2015.

Murray warned, though, that the estimated lifespan was determined based on historic figures, not necessarily future projections.

"As our population increases and uses of our landfill sites change, that number can change at any time," she said, noting all sites complied with Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) standards in 2024.

Individually, the Maple Lake site has a remaining lifespan of 45 years, Oxtongue Lake 69 years, and Pine Springs 100 years.

Staff clocked 30,147 vehicles at Maple Lake last year, down marginally from 2023, taking in 44,927 bags of household garbage. With the installation of a weigh scale at the site last spring, Murray said she's able to "quantify numbers a little better." Before, staff tracked garbage by cubic metres but now does so through metric tons.

"We had 291 metric tonnes of waste accepted at Maple Lake, with 130 metric tonnes of that brought over from Dorset," Murray said.

The township also collected 209 tonnes of blue box recyclables, 7.66 tonnes of electronic waste, 106 tonnes of scrap metal, 1.24 tonnes of household batteries, and 103 discarded appliances.

She said 3,027 vehicles used the Pine Springs location, disposing of 5,080 bags of garbage. From that, she estimates 48 tonnes of waste was deposited into the landfill last year, with an additional 23 tonnes transferred from Dorset. Murray said 15.89 tonnes of blue box materials were also collected.

"The bins at Pine Springs are in a bit of disrepair, so we will be looking at options to change those this year," Murray said.

At Oxtongue Lake, 4,352 vehicles dropped off 5,555 garbage bags totalling 52 tonnes of waste, which Murray said was down from 2023. Staff also collected 29.04 tonnes of blue box recyclables, 3.92 tonnes of waste electronics, and 11.73 tonnes of scrap metal.

Murray said there will be surveys conducted at Pine Springs and Oxtongue Lake this year as the township plans for future expansion.

"We're looking at moving into a new landfilling area [at Oxtongue Lake], so we're going to do some work to see what our development plan will be. There is capacity, the land just hasn't been developed yet," Murray said, noting the need for tree clearing in 2026.

Murray said there were no concerns with ground and surface water quality assessments conducted at Maple Lake, Pine Springs or Oxtongue Lake, and recommended the township cease testing at the Dorset Transfer Station.

"It's been a number of years since the site was capped. It's in a state where there aren't evolving changes to the site… we're not seeing any active leachate, there's no new waste being added. We're not seeing any exceedances with our monitoring program over the last seven years, so there's nothing to be concerned about," Murray said.

Five to contest federal election in H–KL

By Lisa Gervais

The NDP have a federal candidate in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes, but Aylea Teel isn't doing interviews.

"Unfortunately, Aylea is not available for an interview," NDP press secretary Ella Klein told *The Highlander*.

According to the NDP, Teel "has always been passionate about standing up for her beliefs and for what's right." She was born and raised in Kawartha Lakes and "is proud to call the beautiful waterways home."

Her NDP profile says she currently works in the service industry, "where she experiences first-hand the challenges facing many Canadians. But her job also allows her to get to know the faces who make up her community of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes."

The NDP said she aspires to become an educator. "Aylea has worked as a private tutor, helping students achieve their educational goals, and spent last summer working with BGC Kawarthas as a summer camp leader. She is currently finishing off the last year of her bachelor's degree at Nipissing University. It is Aylea's dream to work in Kawartha Lakes and to give back to the community that helped her grow into the person she is today."

The NDP further said, "Aylea believes that Canada needs more young people in government. She is ready to put her all into advocating for policies that help everyday Canadians get ahead – not policies that help CEOs get richer. Aylea is ready to fight for affordable homes, better public health care and shorter wait times, and true climate action that protects the beautiful Canadian landscapes we call home."

Meanwhile, Michael Penman is running as a candidate for the People's Party of Canada.

The party says "Penman is a proud supporter of the PPC.

"He is driven by a deep commitment to standing up for his community and defending the core values of freedom, personal responsibility, respect, and fairness. Michael believes that Canada can restore its prosperity and give power back to the people if we have the courage of our convictions."

Valerie Powell has been named the Green Party candidate. The three join incumbent, Conservative Jamie Schmale, and Liberal candidate, Nell Thomas.

Candidate nominations closed at 2 p.m. April 7. The election is April 28.

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Realtors: buyers market

By Lisa Gervais

Two of the Highlands' most seasoned realtors say the residential real estate market is looking good into spring, while the cottage market remains somewhat of an unknown. And, it appears to be heading towards a buyers' market.

Andrew Hodgson, of Century 21 Granite Realty Group, said Haliburton County was set up for a "really good" real estate year, with a favourable fall market, interest rates dropping, lots of buyers, and sellers understanding where the market was and pricing accordingly.

"Right now, our residential housing market is going well. It is becoming a buyers' market. No question, buyers are getting a little bit better deals. Sellers are softening on their prices."

Linda Baumgartner, of Baumgartner Realty Group, says "if a property is priced right, they're selling. Our residential market is a good market. There is a demand there."

She said if the people who told her last fall that they would list in the spring do, "then we will swing into a buyers' market. But we don't have any proof of that right now. We are starting to see some multiple offers on good and attractive properties that are priced right. They're selling. Are we a balanced market? I wouldn't say."

Hodgson said, "the cottage market, or the waterfront market, is not really going yet. I don't know if it's because there is still lots of snow and ice. People are hesitant to pay $1 million-plus for a place if they can't see the shoreline."

Baumgartner said she had a number of waterfront properties coming up, and is just waiting for the weather conditions to improve. She said buyers need to be able to access properties to get a lay of the land. She said Baumgartner Realty Group is going to see more inventory. And, again, if there is an influx of listings, anticipates swinging into a buyers' market.

Volatile market

Hodgson is worried that economic uncertainty will have an impact. With the U.S. and Canadian governments in a trade war, he indicated people might be reluctant to make big investments.

"Uncertainty is never good for real estate. We've got uncertain times right now."

Baumgartner follows Benjamin Tal, the deputy chief economist of CIBC World Markets Inc. She said he's identified, "we're in a volatile market. He's telling us to handhold our clients for the next few months."

However, she expects more interest rate cuts, down 50 base points, and back to a 2.25 per cent interest rate by the end of the year. "Is that helping us predict or gauge what's going to happen in the spring market? I don't know."

Hodgson said he's hopeful the sluggish waterfront start is weather-related, also noting interest rates are dropping.

Linda Baumgartner believes we are in a volatile market. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

"There are lots of buyers, and demographics, such as retirees, are still great for Haliburton County." People still want to move, and work from, cottage country, he said, noting internet is better than it has ever been to allow that.

"We're still in great shape although I am a little leery about where the cottage market is. We'll wait to see when the snow and ice leave."

Hodgson said some people are listing their properties as a result of the new short-term rental bylaws across the County. He said some are reluctant to have to buy their shore road allowances or spend a lot of money on things such as new septic systems.

Baumgartner said we might see more cottages on the market as a result of STR bylaws, as people don't want to go through the licensing process, or make costly repairs needed to qualify.

Overall, Hodgson said "Haliburton County will never die down too much. Even after 2009, and COVID, where we went to great heights, we only dropped 15 per cent. The demographics are so good in Haliburton County. We've got so much good going on. I think we're going to have a decent year."

Baumgartner added, "you have to adapt whatever market we're entering into or experiencing. You just have to know how to work it. Communicate with your clients and keep plugging away and try to be positive."

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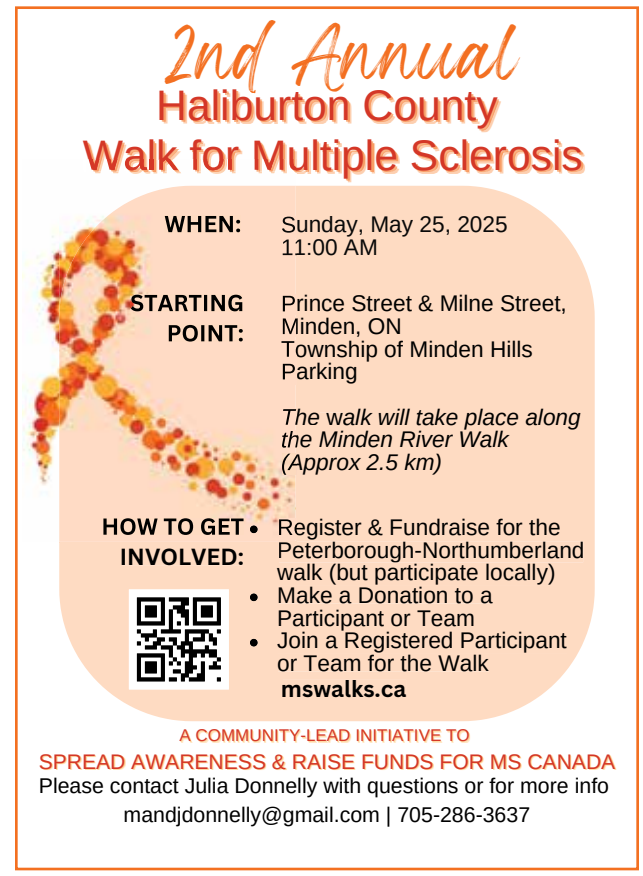
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‘Welcome’ centres

By Lisa Gervais

I’ve been to the warming centre in Minden Hills three times since the not-so-great ice storm of 2025.

The first time was April 3 when MPP Laurie Scott came for a tour of the centre, at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

My second visit was April 5 for an unrelated photo op that did not happen there, but allowed me time to catch up with some Minden Hills councillors and staff.

My most recent visit was April 7 – to officially chat with people for a story.

Last week at this time, I was holding off doing the story as I assumed there would be no need for a warming centre some 11 days post-storm. I didn’t anticipate thousands would still be without power. And, yet, here we are.

However, the mood out there is vastly improved as more Hydro One trucks roll in from Northern Ontario, as well as electrical crews from New Brunswick.

While some saw power back early last week, others are still without. It’s why warming centres are needed.

In Minden Hills, I have witnessed people coming for showers, having a hot or cold drink, and something to eat. A few have spent the night on a Red Cross cot set up in the gymnasium. Many have availed themselves of free Wi-Fi, or to charge their devices. Some have been working from the arena.

I sometimes wrongly type ‘welcome’ centre instead of ‘warming’ centre, because my experience at the Minden warming centre has been welcoming. I am always greeted by a friendly face at the door, inquiring about what I need.

I have run into municipal staff I only ever see on my computer screen during council meetings on Zoom. I have witnessed them shift into a helping mode. Town planners greet folks. Planning technicians deliver bowls of soup and chili from the kitchen. Parks and rec staff have become full-time cooks. While no one would ever wish for a declared state of emergency, it’s become a team bonding exercise for staff.

There have not been throngs of people on any of the days I have visited. However, people come and go. Amid their turmoil – no power, no internet, no phone service, no heat – they have a respite walking through the sliding doors of S.G. Nesbitt. After a hot shower, they feel like human beings again. They have a hot bowl of soup or chili they do not have to heat via a generator that is sucking up their costly propane. They’re not cooking it on a camp stove or woodstove. The coffee is easily made, fresh and hot. They can check their emails and other messages, contact loved ones who are worried about them. They can conduct business. If they have a health-related issue, there is a paramedic on-site. It offers peace of mind.

Some come in quietly, and leave quietly. Some linger and are happy to have a chat. I met one woman who had brought her elderly neighbours in for showers and was waiting for them. We passed the time of day because that’s what folks in Haliburton County do.

Greeted with smiles

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

It has always warmed my heart when I see how smaller communities pull together in times of crisis or emergency. People just give whatever they can to help others, which is what I have experienced firsthand only twice in my lifetime.

Many years ago, I had to rely on a community food bank to feed my young daughter and myself for a short period of time. The volunteers were so helpful and never once made me feel ashamed. I could hold my head high and put food on my table. I am so grateful to those who donated, and those who volunteered.

Every once in a while, I think about, “that time when…” but it never crossed my mind that I would again find myself having to rely on the goodness of a community’s heart again until two days ago.

I know that I am only one in thousands of people who were in the path of Mother Nature’s latest temper tantrum and found themselves wishing they had bought that generator when it was on sale last summer. My family has been without power, water and phone service since March 29. Luckily, we have a small wood stove however, it is tucked away in a part of the house that renders it basically useless to rely on as a heat source for the whole house. We have been making use of it, at least, we cooked a few pieces of chicken and toasted some bread on the top of it. My daughter thanks *Little House on the Prairie* reruns for the ideas.

Three days into the outage, we went in search of somewhere to fill our water jugs and were directed to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. We arrived, jugs in hand, and were welcomed with the smiles of the volunteers from the township who immediately took the jugs and offered us some tea or coffee. The arena has been opened as a 24-hour warming centre with power, hot running water for showers, some sandwiches and hot beverages, and some light-hearted conversation to help ease the stress, for a little while. Each of my family members have taken them up on the hot showers and drinks over the past few days, and each time we have been greeted with smiles from those who are there and happy to help any way they can.

As I was sitting there again, charging my phone and warming my bones, I realized that it still warms my heart to be part of such a kind, and generous community.

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Dancers reach for the sky

Skyline Dance Studio presented a showcase of their different dance disciplines featuring and all of their members April 6 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The dancers put on an incredible showcase of their talents for a fully-packed theatre. *(Justin Belanger).*

1. The senior ballet dance members perform ‘Glass.’ 2. Intermediate ballet dance members, Kiera Buchanan, Kinley Cox, Kiera Dacey, Aubriana Davidson, Quinnlyn Hamilton, Aleanna Jones, Kendall Park, and Resse Wood perform ‘Wicked Games.’ 3. The finale of the Dance of the Peasants, Lucy Burk, Shawn Collins, Aoife Hogan, Sophia Horn, Pearl Mansfield and Kenna Ryalen. 4. ‘The Three Swans’ - a ballet trio of Avery Burk, Kendall Park and Reese Wood. 5. The Three Good Fairies, a ballet trio consisting of Paisley Braun, Maddie Delahunt Morrow and Scarlett Smith. 6. Shawn Collins has his work cut out for him in ‘Two Ladies’ with Aoife Hogan and Pearl Mansfield. 7. ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ a musical theatre trio consisting of Harlowe Brind, Avery Burk. and Grace Wilson. 8. Shawn Collins gracefully bounds across the stage during the ballet Dance of the Peasants. 9. Isabella Valentini dances in an open solo called ‘Heir Encore.’ 10. Skye Upton in a ballet duo of Passacaglia. 11. The Ballet duo of Kennedy Draker and Harlow Smith dance the ‘Rainbow Connection.’12. ‘Thing 1 and Thing 2’ Kinley Cox and Kiera Dacey in a musical theatre duet.

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The fix is in

The first Repair Cafe of the year went off without a hitch April 6 at the SIRCH Bakery and Cafe in Haliburton. Although there was a smaller turnout than expected, due to people cleaning up from the ice storm, lots of folks walked out happier than when they walked in after getting their items repaired. The café will be held the first Sunday of every month between April and October. The time is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with people available to fix textiles, toys, small appliances, jewellery, pottery, computers, bicycles and tricycles, lawn and garden tools and wooden furniture. The café is at 49 Maple Ave. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top: Barb Fawcett works her textile magic on her sewing machine, repairing a used garment to give it new life. Bottom: Ringing the bell for a repaired lamp by fixer Marty van Niekerk. *Photos by Justin Belanger*

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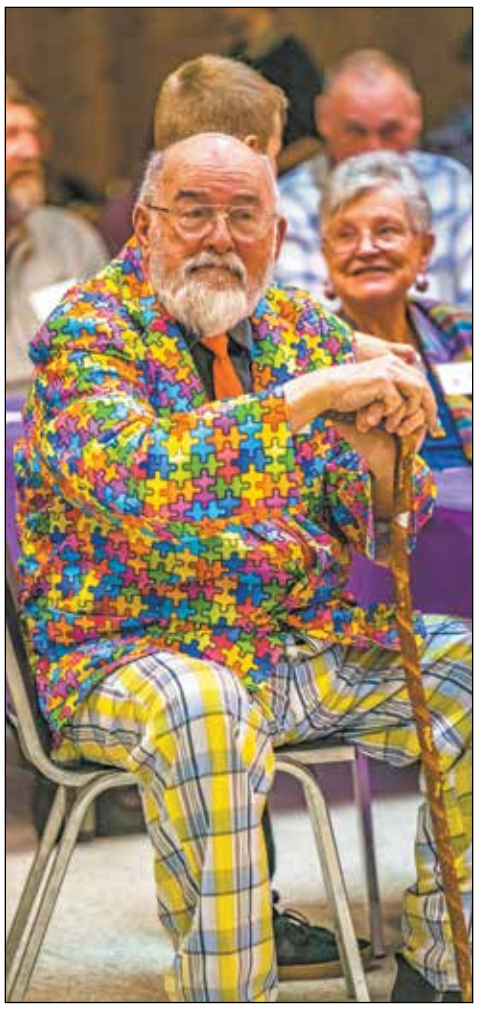


Who kidnapped Purscilla?

The fictional Old Oaks retirement home celebrated it's 50th anniversary April 5 and 6, with two dinner theatre performances from the Loop Troupe Little Theatre. Staged at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Community Centre, the second show was added due to popular demand to the delight of the residents of Old Oaks and Wilberforce. *(Justin Belanger)*

Left: Holden McGroin (Gary Mount) makes sure his grievances and opinions are heard. Middle: Bill Board (Dave Watson), the man with the most colourful coat in the house. Top Right: Betsy Nosie-Parker (Jodi Rupnow) and Rose Bud (Nancy Duff) are aghast about Purscilla's kidnapping. Bottom Right: Miss Hill (Deborah Waterhouse) pleads her case with Detective Dover (Jacob Pothaar). *Photos by Justin Belanger.*

Highlander environment

Dysart opts in for non-eligible recycling

By Mike Baker

Long-promised changes to blue box recycling in Dysart et al will land in the new year.

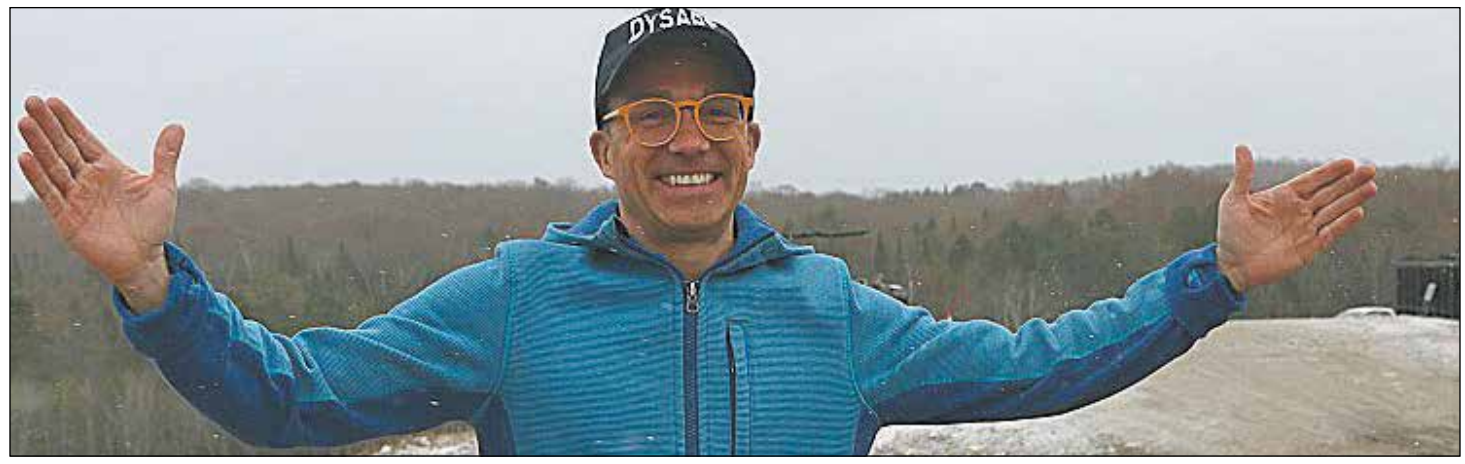
Council approved a plan at its March 25 meeting that will see the Haliburton landfill become the only waste disposal site in the township to accept what the Ontario government deems non-eligible blue box materials, effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Environmental manager John Watson, who left his position with Dysart at the end of March, said the change is necessary as the province prepares to complete a two-and-a-half-year plan to revamp its recycling rules.

In July 2023, the Ontario government shifted responsibility for the collection and disposal of blue box materials to producers. Dysart transitioned to this new model Jan. 1, 2024, costs incurred by collecting and hauling recyclables from residential properties, schools, and non-profit retirement and long-term care homes was taken off the township's plate.

"The regulation aims to expand the residential blue box program to more communities, standardize acceptable blue box materials across the province, and make producers of paper products, packaging and packaging-like products 100 per cent financially and operationally responsible for the residential blue box program," Watson said.

A multi-year agreement was struck with Circular Materials to handle the disposal of eligible recyclables dropped off at Dysart's four landfills, which saved the township over $200,000 in 2024.



John Watson recently left his role as Dysart et al's environmental manager. *File*

Watson said this latest deal covers non-eligible recyclables generated from commercial properties, municipal buildings, places of worship, non-profits, daycares, campgrounds and trailer parks, commercial farms and industrial businesses.

"It's the same materials, just coming from different places. The regulations treat a pop can from a home differently than a pop can from a business," Watson said at a June 2024 meeting.

As of Jan. 1, 2026, recycling generated by these businesses cannot be placed in the same bins as eligible sources and cannot be picked up in the same load as eligible sources.

Watson said following a two-year grace period, Circular Materials will stop collecting non-eligible recyclables on Dec. 31, 2025. If the township opted against sourcing a new company to collect these materials, people will be forced to dispose of them elsewhere, Watson said.

A five-year deal has been struck with Waste Connections Canada to haul away non-eligible recyclables. Two new drop-off locations will be available at the Haliburton landfill next year. Watson said the township will pay $720 per haul and $71.70 per metric tonne for containers and paper disposed of. He estimated the annual cost at between $20,000 and $42,000.

Minden Hills has also approved a similar contract, with non-eligible recyclables to be collected at the Scotch Line landfill. Highlands East has opted against accepting recyclables from non-eligible sources, while Algonquin Highlands is investigating its options.

When the new rules kick in, Watson said people will be asked if their recyclables are coming from a residential or commercial operation, with people directed to different drop-off locations for each.

"I recognize it seems silly, but this is the way we have to respond to a piece of legislation that provincial government has passed.

"The Haliburton landfill already has two active bays for 40-yard roll-off bins to accept materials from non-eligible sources… Dysart's other waste disposal sites (Harcourt, Kennisis Lake, West Bay and West Guilford) do not have bays to accommodate extra bins. The capital costs to develop each site for two additional bins… makes including them not financially feasible," Watson said.

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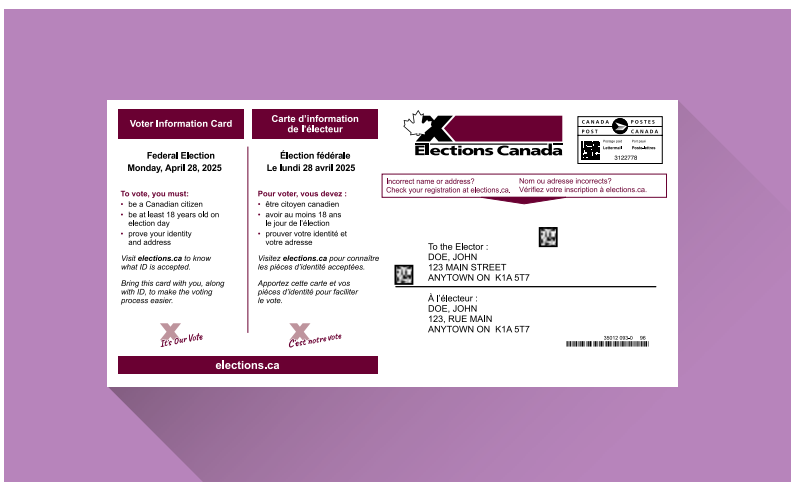
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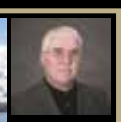

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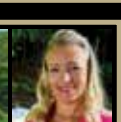

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The Huskies

Huskies on the ropes in championship series

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies have it all to do in their third-round playoff series with the Trenton Golden Hawks, down two games to the nation's top-ranked Jr. A team.

After earning their spot in the East Conference championship series by defeating the Toronto Jr. Canadiens 4-2 at Haliburton's A.J. LaRue Arena April 3, the Huskies twice teed off against the team that finished 16 points ahead of them in the regular season – dropping a 5-4 overtime decision on the road April 6 and losing a heartbreaker 2-1 in front of their home fans April 8.

Watching his side go toe-to-toe with the Golden Hawks this week, Huskies coach Ryan Ramsay believes the series is far from done.

"It's been tight, two close games, we've just got to find a way to win the next one. Thursday is must-win. Then we'd have a chance to come back home, wrestle back the momentum," Ramsay said. "One area we need to improve is putting more pucks on net. I don't think we've shot enough the last two games."

The County club rallied from behind to topple JRC in the second-round four games to two, and swapped games with Trenton during the regular season, with each winning twice. The Huskies are one of two teams, along with JRC, to beat the Golden Hawks more than once this year.

Playing in unfamiliar surroundings in Haliburton again on Tuesday, with S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena continuing to serve as a warming centre for Minden residents impacted by last week's ice storm, the Huskies tried to wrestle control early.

While outshot 14-9 in the opening frame, forwards Nathan Poole, Tai York and Ty Petrou – the team's top line – were busy, constantly disrupting the visitor's momentum with an aggressive forecheck. Tyler Hodges was a brick wall at the back, making several big saves.

Forward Daniel Vasic, replacing the injured Alex Bradshaw in the lineup, had a prime opportunity for the first goal when found all alone at the back post three minutes into the middle frame, though fired right at Golden Hawks netminder Ryan Sanborn.

Hodges kept the score level after a Kaiden Thatcher head contact penalty at 10:09 put the Huskies on the penalty kill, making five saves – the highlight a sprawling dive to keep Golden Hawks dangerman David Fournier, the game-winner in overtime on Sunday, at bay.

Declan Bowmaster blew the roof off the building with 13:53 played, beating Sanborn high after capitalizing on a loose puck in the high slot. Chase Lefebvre went close a minute later, though fired off target while being closed down by a Trenton body.

Isaac Larmand pressures Golden Hawks defenseman Candon O'Neill. *Photo by Mike Baker*

Despite their best efforts, the home side couldn't close the period out, Jaxon Broda tying things at 19:31.

Things were tight in the third and though the crowd tried to get behind their team, with cries of "Go Huskies Go" reverberating through the arena, it was Taeo Artichuk, unassisted at 16:10, who won the game for the Golden Hawks.

"We were unlucky on that goal – the puck hits the metal in the glass and takes a crazy bounce to an open guy in front of the net. It's the sort of thing that wouldn't happen again if you tried it 100 times," Ramsay said. "At this stage, every team is really good. You've just got to have some luck, have some bounces go your way."

Trenton 5–4 Huskies

The two teams put on a goalscoring clinic in Trenton on Sunday, with the Golden Hawks edging a tight 5-4 game.

York got the series underway with his eighth of the post-season three quarters of the way into the opening frame, assisted by Poole and Petrou, but Trenton responded with three straight – through Broda, Artichuk and Fournier – to take control late in the second. Petrou kept things interesting with a powerplay marker, his seventh of the playoffs, at 18:52 assisted by York and OJHL Defenseman of the Year nominee Cameron Hankai.

Chase Del Colombo tied the game 50 seconds into the final frame, though the Huskies joy was short-lived, with Cooper Matthews beating Hodges just 45 seconds later. Petrou sent the game to overtime with his second of the game at 17:32.

Fournier ended things seven minutes into the extra frame, sneaking the puck past the impressive Hodges, who made 40 saves in his 13th appearance of the post-season.

Huskies 4–2 JRC

The noise was deafening at the final buzzer April 3 after the Huskies clinched their second-round series with the Toronto Jr. Canadiens. Hodges made 46 saves in a 4-2 win.

After a quiet start to the playoffs Poole exploded during the opening period against JRC, scoring at 3:48 and 8:40 to put the home side ahead. They didn't look back – though Gabriel Ciarallo pegged the Huskies back late in the first, Petrou helped himself to the eventual game-winner four minutes into the middle frame, with Lefebvre adding an empty-netter with a little over two minutes left in the third.

Conner Thomson-Dick made the scoreline a little more respectable, beating Hodges with 17 seconds left on the clock.

The Huskies travel to Trenton for game three April 10, before returning to Haliburton for game four April 12 at A.J. LaRue Arena. Puck drop is 4 p.m.

If needed, game five will be back in Trenton April 13, game six in Haliburton April 15, and game seven in Trenton April 17.

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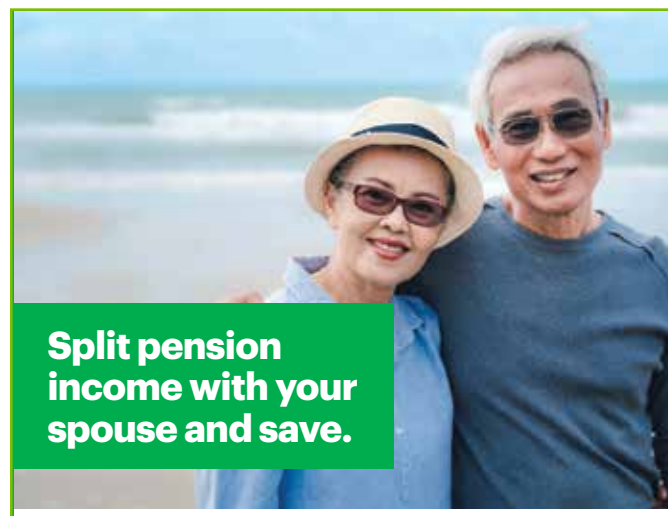

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Left: Tai York maintains his balance on one skate after ripping a shot from distance. Below: Huskies alternate captain Nathan Poole cuts a frustrated figure following Tuesday's 2-1 playoff defeat to the Trenton Golden Hawks in Haliburton. Bottom right: York fires the puck into the body of Golden Hawks netminder Ryan Sanborn. Bottom left: Declan Bowmaster celebrates with teammates on the bench after opening the scoring against Trenton April 8. *Photos by Mike Baker*

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U13 LL Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC

It was a very successful year for this team. We finished with 16 wins, six losses and two ties. The team was made up of 10 first-year U13 players, three second-year players, and two U11 players that were brought up to round it all out. The team was also assisted by two main AP players.

In December, we were entered into our home tournament, the Silver Stick regional tournament. The Curry Chevrolet team went undefeated and came away champions with a 5-0-0 record. From winning that tournament, they were invited to the International Silver Stick tournament in Pelham, Ontario. We attended and gave it all we had and just fell short of entering the round robins by one point.

Once into the new year, we continued our success. We entered into the Weekender Tournament in Innisfil, Ontario and once again were extremely successful. We had to win our way into the finals, which we did, and lost 2-1 in the championship game.

Once in playoffs, the Curry Chevrolet team showed their success by taking first place in their division. Once again, they had to win there into the finals and did so. They fell just short of winning and took second place in the Three Counties loop.

This year was amazing, and it was a direct result of all the hard work the players put in.

Congratulations to the U13 LL Highland Storm for all of your success this year. *(Submitted)*

U11 Rep Cottage Country Building Supplies

The opportunity to play competitive team sports presents many personal growth opportunities for young athletes and the chance to learn life lessons both on and off the ice.

Teamwork, leadership, respect and resilience, just to name a few, are all aspects that each and every player had to navigate this season.

The Highland Storm U11 Cottage Country Building Supplies rep team was faced with many opportunities in their 2024-25 season. With a supportive bench staff, they faced them head on and never gave up. Some mid-season struggles were erased with a strong push for the playoffs. A valiant effort during the first round of the playoffs in a tight match versus the Mariposa Lightning, unfortunately led to our season being cut shorter than we all hoped for.

Every player had the chance to display leadership roles this season. From playing shutdown defence at the blueline, winning battles in the neutral zone, timely goal scoring or clutch saves to keep the team alive.

Our bench staff enjoyed leading this team, whether it was working on new systems, or helping out with the ups and downs of team dynamics, they poured their hearts into this season.

Everyone contributed in big ways to make the season a success. We are very proud of this group and what they accomplished this season. From all of the bench staff, it was a pleasure coaching and contributing to these young athletes' hockey careers. *(Submitted)*

Highlander community

Coffee for a cause

Places for People's Sleeping in Cars fundraiser passed the $40,000 mark this year, thanks in part to the Mill Pond Restaurant in Carnarvon, which donated $1 from every coffee sold in March to the cause. Owner Brad Archer handed a $1,000 cheque to Places for People's Susan Tromanhauser April 3, with Kim Switzer to the left. *(Lisa Gervais)*

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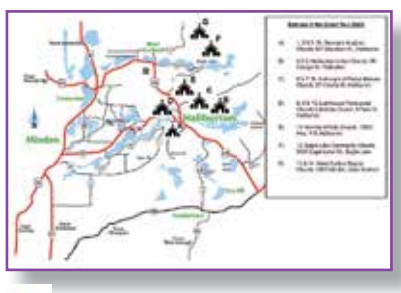

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton
Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.

Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m in the clubroom. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo hopefully returning in March.

Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month.

Fridays: meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards. 50/50 draw at 5 p.m, tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.

Saturdays: Open only for special events

Clubroom hours: Monday 3-9 p.m., Tues 5-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday closed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for rental information call Cheryl Waller at 905- 447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com/facility-rentals Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129…everyone is welcome!

The Legion's mandate is to help veterans, assist with their mental and physical health and social wellbeing, provide a feeling of togetherness and combat isolation. All are welcome to attend our events.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden
Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday to Thursday** with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' **Tuesday**.

Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.

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Weekly activities:
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Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce
Mondays: open 7 to 10 p.m.
Tuesdays: closed
Wednesdays: open 2 to 6 p.m.
Thursdays: open 7 to 10 p.m.
Fridays: open 2 to 11 p.m.
Saturdays: open 2 to 9 p.m.
Sundays: closed, special events only

Darts at 7 p.m. April 14, 21 and 28 Cost is $5 per player. Afternoon sessions are April 16, 23 and 30 starting at 2 p.m. Cost is $4 per player.

Cornhole at 7 p.m. April 10, 17 and 24 Cost is $5 per player.

HHHS social recreation April 10 and 24 at 10 a.m.

Fish and chips April 418 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is $15 for one piece, $20 for two pieces.

Wings and jam session April 11 and 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is $15 per pound.

Seniors 55+ lunch April 11 and 25 at noon. Cost is $17 per person

Meat draw April 12, 19 and 26 at 3 p.m.

Soc Hop dance at the legion, featuring music from the 1950s and 1960s April 26, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Door charge is $5.

EVENTS

Drop into any branch of the Haliburton County Public Library during April to vote for your favourite 'Forest of Reading' book and receive a fun button. There is still time to read more books, voting closes April 30. Visit haliburtonlibrary.ca for more information.

April 12, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Haliburton County Farmers Association is hosting a workshop focused on optimizing garden space and soil usage in Eagle Lake. Reserve your spot by texting 705-306-9346. Cost is $20 per person. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Seeds and cuttings are provided and can be taken home to your garden.

April 12, 1 p.m. Drop-in to the Minden, Dysart or Stanhope branch of the Haliburton County Public Library for a family movie matinee, featuring Peter Rabbit. A screening of The Lorax will be held in Minden, Stanhope and Cardiff April 26.

April 12, 2:30 p.m. Join fellow movie enthusiasts at the Cardiff branch of the Haliburton County Public Library for a lively discussion on directors, films, actors and genres. No registration required.

April 15, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Join the community's new ukulele group at the Stanhope branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. Bring your instrument and learn with us. No registration required. We meet every other Tuesday, with another scheduled event April 29.

April 15, 7 p.m. The Baha'I community of Haliburton is hosting a discussion with Dr. Kari Krogh, co-founder of EcoWisdom Forest Preserve, on 'connecting to the power of forests to improve our wellbeing'. Hosted at the Haliburton Legion. Open to all, no admission, light refreshments provided.

April 17, 5 to 8 p.m. The Haliburton School of Art + Design is hosting a 'We Made It!' student exhibition at its campus inside Glebe Park. Showcasing creations from winter semester programs. Taking place in the great hall.

April 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's the Easter weekend 44th annual Maple Syrup Festival in Wilberforce. Taking place at the Lloyd Watson Centre. All-you-can-eat pancakes and sausages, kids 10 and under are $4, adults $8. There will also be a bazaar and craft tables. For more information, call 705-448-1285 or email skrogers1995@gmail.com.

April 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's Easter at Abbey Gardens. Your adventure starts with an Easter egg hunt on the Chickadee Trail and continues with cookie decorating, pictures with the Easter Bunny, spring-time crafts and more. Abbey Gardens is located at 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Dysart et al.

April 24, 7:30 p.m. Community theatre troupe Ctrl-ART-Del is hosting Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Recommended for audiences 13 and up. Tickets available at concordtheatricals.com. There are other performances April 25 and 26.

April 26, 6 p.m. Camp Medeba is hosting a 'Not-So-Silent Auction' at the camp located at 1270 Kennisis Lake Rd. Doors open at 6 p.m. with live bidding beginning at 7 p.m. Can't make it in person? Attend online via Zoom. RSVP at info@medeba.com.

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What's on

Aaron Paura displays one of his forge works at a past 'We Made It' student exhibition. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Once again time for 'We Made It'

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD) in inviting the community to celebrate creativity and innovation at the annual 'We Made It' student exhibition, featuring the work of Winter 2025 Certificate students from the glassblowing, jewellery and ceramics programs.

The event takes place on Thursday, April 17 from 5-8 p.m. in the Great Hall at HSAD, 297 College Drive, Haliburton.

Monika Boyd, community outreach and recruitment officer, said "this highly anticipated event showcases the outstanding work of HSAD students across a variety of disciplines.

"Visitors will have the opportunity to experience an array of unique and inspiring works, from fine art to contemporary design. This free event offers a chance to connect with emerging talent, explore diverse artistic expressions, and support local creativity in a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere."

The 'We Made It' student exhibition is open to everyone and Boyd said, "a perfect way to enjoy a day of art while celebrating the achievements of HSAD students."

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EVENTS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE will be held for BARBARA TROCEWICZ on Friday, May 2nd at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave in Minden. A light lunch will follow. A private interment will be held the following day.

IN LOVING MEMORY

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Barb Morrison

September 7, 1963 to April 15, 2018

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Love Les and family

OBITUARY

In Loving Memory

Eleanor Carey

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Mother and Nan, Eleanor Carey born November 10, 1930 - April 1, 2025 at the age of 94.

Elly is predeceased by her husband (Cameron Carey), sister (Wendy Hunziker) grandson (Todd Ofield), and great grandaughter (Maeve Woodward).

She is survived by her children Kim (Ken) and Drew (Karen), her grandchildren Kelly (Luke), Annie (Tyler), Brett, Katie (Stefan), Tanis (Cory), Paige (Jesse) and great grandchildren Pearce, Miles, Charlie, Jake, Cole, Macie, Brooklyn, Everett, Hayes, Brey, Dax, Wells.

Elly would also like a special mention for friends Verne (Marlin) Gartshore, John Ayres, and Elsie Moore for whom she had a great deal of respect for.

Known for her strong-willed personality and determination, Elly approached life with unwavering conviction and loyalty, her stubbornness was both a trademark and a source of admiration. She treated everyone like family and she was a true master of laughter bringing joy and lightheartedness to everyone she knew.

Ellys presence will be greatly missed but her legacy and impact will live on for years to come.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

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Visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers for a detailed posting and job description.

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In Loving Memory of

Beatrice "Lillian" Mann

(nee Taylor)

Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Haliburton on March 31, 2025 in her 98th year. Known as Lillian to friends and family.

Beloved wife of the late Donald Mann (2003). Mother of Gordon, Steven (Joy), Warren, Kelvin and Brian. Loving grandmother to Jessica, Andrew, Ashley (Andi), Shannon (Chris), Cameron (Maddie) and Cassandra. Loving great grandmother to Nathan, Jackson, AJ, Travis, Keon, Leeland, Monica, Bryce, Connor and Ryanne (Cass). Predeceased by parents Beatrice and Frank Taylor, brother Roy (Mae), sister Eileen (Bruce), sister Dorothy (Jan), sister-in-law Marilyn and sister-in-law Betty (Don). Fondly remembered by Dana, Donna, Tanya and friends and extended family.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 for a memorial visitation to Celebrate Lillian's Life on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Knitting for Warmth Group at Highland Hills United Church (by cheque only) or Highland Hills United Church would be appreciated by the family.

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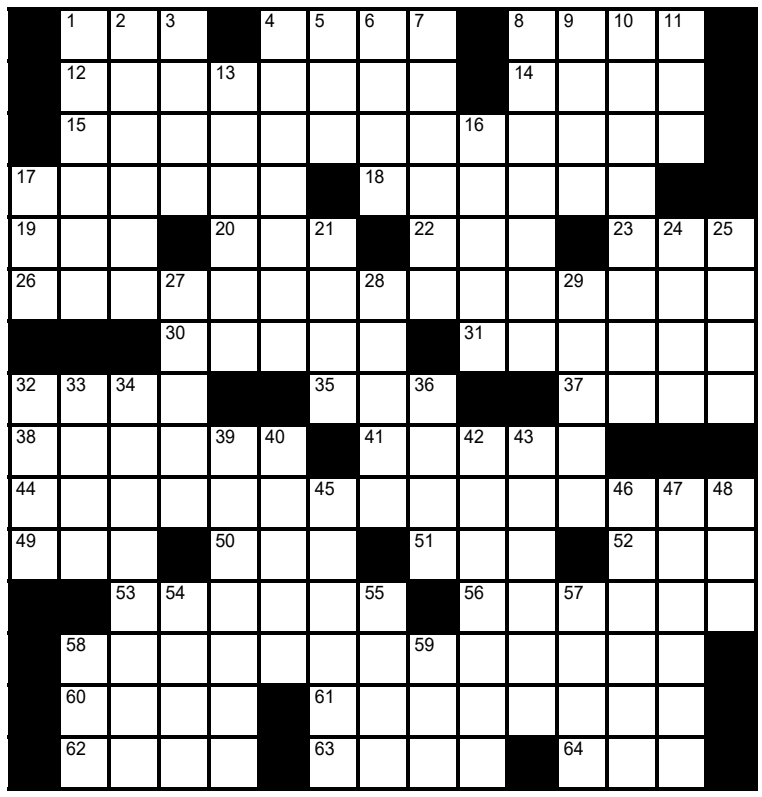

Across

1 Email address symbols
4 "Life is ___ dream"
8 X-ray units
12 Get on before other passengers
14 "Yeah sure, buddy"
15 Have absolutely no regrets
17 ___ up (shakes off a drunk)
18 Like a totem or feathered headdress
19 Eff-aitch link
20 Pretense
22 "Confusion" band, for short
23 Gig-getter: Abbr.
26 Misinterpret as an insult, perhaps
30 Midler of "Hocus Pocus"
31 Zen-like
32 Come ___ surprise (be expected)
35 CFL's Elks, on a scoreboard
37 Vocal hint of aggression
38 A ___ (theoretical)
41 Something to do with your buds?
44 Force to retreat with no escape
49 Fredericton-St. John dir.
50 State of Sydney, Au.
51 Retro chic?
52 Fast food in the outback?
53 Cholesterol reducer
56 Wranglers' gear
58 What those who 15-, 26- and 44-Across might do
60 Short show stopper
61 Ontario's Elgin county setting
62 MXN on a stock index
63 Rapper who hosted CBC's "Q"
64 Given, as lunch or a lie

Down

1 Poor sleeper's woe: Var.
2 "Jeopardy!" host before Jennings
3 Spanish golfer Ballesteros
4 Beet-based bowlful
5 "Friendly skies" flier: Abbr.
6 Not quite a canter
7 Worshiping one
8 God's gift to Eve, from Adam
9 Simple rhyme scheme
10 Uninterested in the scratching post, maybe
11 Investment buy: Abbr.
13 Really ream out
16 Drug bust wts., often
17 Pepper, Bilko or Snorkel
21 "Chapeau" holder
24 ___ up on (unite against)
25 Salmon also called chinook
27 Kindle or Kobo offering
28 Holding firmly, as a belief
29 Australian feminist Germaine
32 Widespread cop calls, for short
33 Ladies of La Mancha: Abbr.
34 Compliment to a good goalie
36 Palindromic title
39 CTV news anchor Sandie
40 Modern photo gallery, for short
42 Gave a finger-wagging
43 Till now
45 Models a new dress, maybe
46 "Monster" of Scotland
47 Went overboard treading the boards
48 Ctry. bordering Finland
54 Acapulco aunties
55 Miley Cyrus's singing sis
57 One doing the lord's work?
58 Uploading initials
59 Alias letters

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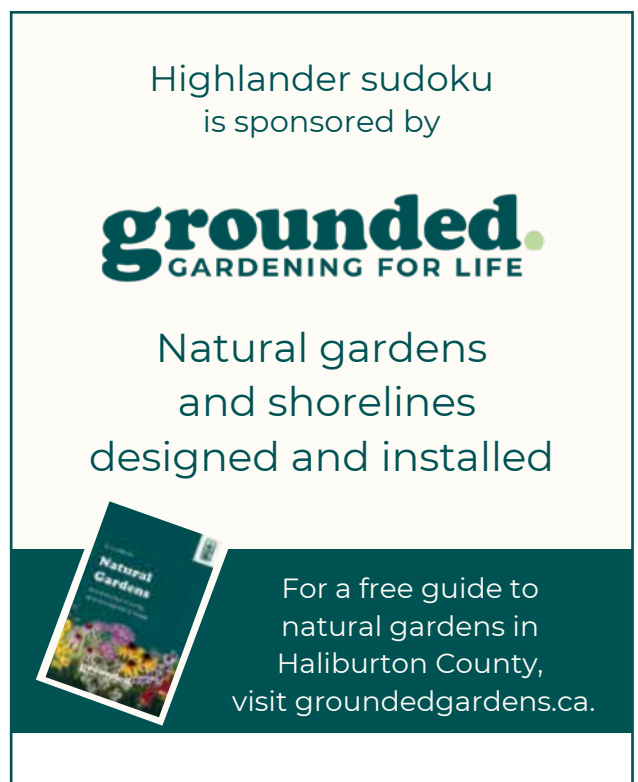
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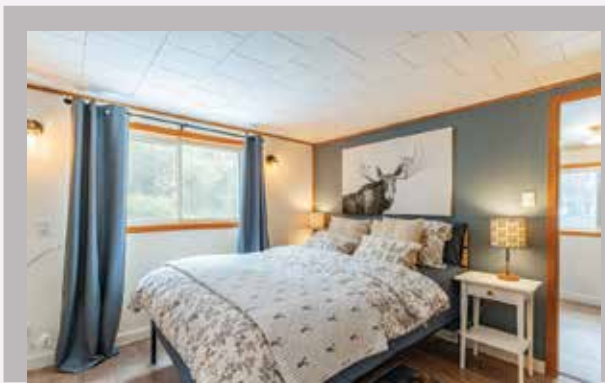

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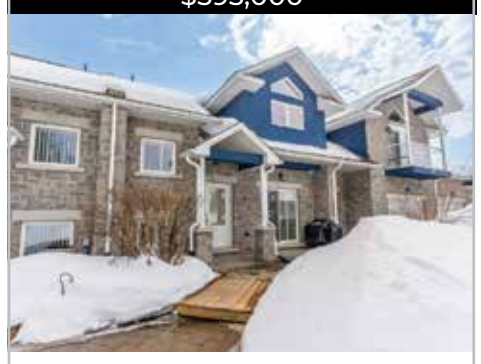

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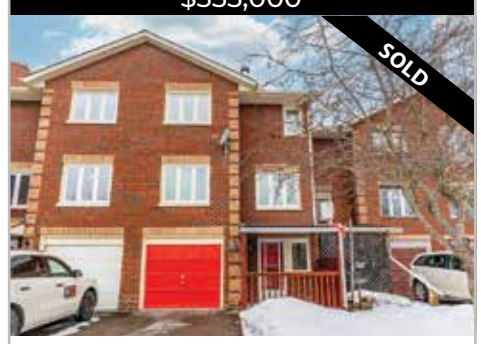

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